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## LEESBURG POLICE OFFICER RETURNS FROM THE MIDDLE EAST

The Leesburg Police Department is proud to announce that it has welcomed back one of its own from a tour of duty serving her country in the Middle East. Officer Jennifer Gillespie has returned to the Leesburg Police Department after completing a tour of duty with her reserve unit in Iraq. Officer Gillespie is a member of the 152<sup>nd</sup> MP Detachment, Law and Order based out of Moorefield, West Virginia that was called to active duty in March of 2003. While deployed, Officer Gillespie was assigned as a military police officer and her duties included investigations of U.S. soldiers for violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice and VIP security.

"On behalf of the men and women of the Leesburg Police Department, I am privileged to welcome Officer Gillespie home and thank her for her tremendous service and sacrifice for our country. Her dedication to duty and service to our country and this community speak highly about the outstanding officer and person that she is. I am proud that she is a member of the Leesburg Police Department", stated Leesburg Police Chief Joseph R. Price.

Officer Gillespie was assigned as a School Resource Officer at Harper Park Middle School prior to her deployment overseas. Officer Gillespie is currently easing back into her duties as a police officer and will eventually be returning to her assignment in the School Resource Officer program.

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